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**DISTRICT ONE ROADWATCH REPORT #35
FOR WEEK OF AUGUST 30, 2015**

District One is 12 counties: Charlotte, Collier, DeSoto, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, Highlands, Lee, Manatee, Okeechobee, Polk and Sarasota

Motorists are reminded to wear safety belts and drive with caution, courtesy, common sense, and patience as they travel through work zones. Remember, speeding fines are doubled in work zones.

As a reminder, travelers can visit www.FL511.com or dial “511” from their phone to learn about traffic conditions on major roadways across the state.

If you know before you go, you can plan accordingly and save time and money.

CHARLOTTE COUNTY

I-75 from Lee/Charlotte County Line to North Jones Loop Road (exit #161): Construction project: Crews are adding lanes, resurfacing the existing roadway, performing bridge work, making drainage improvements, and adding guardrail, signs and pavement markings from the Lee/Charlotte County Line to south of Tuckers Grade (exit #158). Crews are also making drainage improvements from north of Tuckers Grade (exit #158) to south of North Jones Loop Road (exit #161). **Motorists should expect lane closures on I-75 during the nighttime/overnight hours from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. Traffic shifts to the outside of the roadway through the majority of the project.** Motorists should also use caution as construction vehicles and equipment enter and exit the roadway. PLEASE DRIVE WITH CARE. Variable message boards notify motorists of anticipated closures. Estimated project completion is early 2017. The contractor is AJAX Paving Industries of Florida, Inc.

US 41 from Enterprise Drive to Sarasota/Charlotte County Line: Construction project: Crews are working to expand US 41 to six lanes from Enterprise Drive to the Sarasota/Charlotte County Line. This 3.6-mile project also includes making roadway drainage improvements, installing water and sewer lines, adding bike lanes and sidewalk and replacing signals at Enterprise Drive, Toledo Blade Boulevard and S. Cranberry/Cornelius Boulevards. Crews are installing new utilities, building new roadway and drainage.

- **Flamingo Boulevard is closed from US 41 to Cumberland Avenue**
- **Northbound and southbound traffic is shifted to the outside onto temporary pavement**
- **The Chamberlain Boulevard median opening will close for this phase of construction; motorists should follow the detour signs**
- **The speed limit is reduced to 40 miles per hours**

Drivers should be aware of construction vehicles and equipment entering and exiting the roadway. The contractor expects to complete work in spring 2017. The contractor is Guymann Construction Inc.

US 41 from Charlotte County Line to Morningside Drive: Construction project: Crews will be widening northbound shoulders and resurfacing the roadway. This project also includes updating signage and pavement markings. Work occurs during daytime and nighttime hours. **Motorists should expect intermittent northbound lane closures through the duration of the project.**

- **Southbound and northbound traffic will now use northbound travel lanes. Motorists exiting driveways and side streets in this area should use caution, as traffic shifts to the eastside of the roadway.**

Drivers should use caution traveling in this area. Estimated completion is early 2016. The Contractor is Ajax Paving Industries of Florida, LLC.

US 17 from Tamiami Trail to Nesbit Street: Maintenance permit project: Motorists should expect southbound lane closures during the nighttime/overnight hours from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. weekdays, for crews to make improvements to the road. Drivers should use caution with crews working in the roadway.

SR 776 (El Jobean Road) from Willow Bend Drive to Collingsworth Boulevard: Construction project: Crews will be resurfacing the roadway (including side streets), improving drainage for water running off the roadway, installing guardrail, and placing pavement markings. This 3.8-mile project includes building drainage improvements to manage water running off the roadway, updating traffic signals, and installing guardrail. The project also replaces and connects some existing sidewalk within the project. Crews also will be modifying the traffic signals at the intersections of Toledo Blade Boulevard and Flamingo Boulevard. Work occurs during daytime and nighttime hours. **Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures through the duration of the project.** Drivers should use caution traveling in this area. Estimated completion is fall of 2015. The Contractor is Ajax Paving Industries of Florida, LLC.

SR 31 from Lee/Charlotte County Line to CR 74/Bermont Road: Construction project: Work is underway to resurface this roadway. This 12-mile project includes repairing existing drainage facilities and improvements to signage and pavement markings throughout the project.

- **Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures Wednesday and Thursday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. from the Lee/Charlotte County Line to CR 74.**

Drivers should expect possible delays and use caution while crews work in the roadway. Estimated completion is early 2016. The contractor is Ajax Paving Industries of Florida, LLC.

COLLIER COUNTY

Gulf Shore Boulevard from 18th Avenue South to 12th Avenue South: Construction project: Crews will be placing sidewalk, curb and gutter, signing and pavement marking along Gulf Shore Boulevard, including 18th Avenue South to Gordon Drive. Work occurs during daytime hours. **Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures through the duration of the project from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.** Drivers should use caution traveling in this area. Estimated completion is February 2016. The Contractor is Quality Enterprises USA, Inc.

I-75 from north of CR 951 to just north of Golden Gate Parkway: Construction project: This project adds six lanes and adds a 12-foot travel lane and 10-foot shoulder to the inside of existing northbound and southbound I-75. Work begins with installation of construction signs and silt fence for erosion control. Lane closures and ramp closures may occur in both the northbound and southbound travel lanes from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Variable message signs will be in place to alert drivers that work is underway. Drivers should use caution while traveling in this area. Estimated completion is early 2017. The contractor is Ajax Paving Industries of Florida, Inc.

US 41 Mosquito Canal to SR 29: Construction project: Crews begin a resurfacing project this week from east of the Mosquito Canal to SR 29. This project also includes shoulder widening and guardrail replacements. Work begins with installation of construction signs and silt fence for erosion control. Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures through the duration of the project.

- **The four-lane section of US 41 (SR 90) at Port of the Islands is now reduced down to one travel lane in each direction while the contractor installs new guardrail on the bridges over the Faka Union Canal. All median crossings and turn lanes in this section are still accessible.**

Drivers should expect possible delays and use caution while crews work in the roadway. Estimated completion is spring 2016. The contractor is General Asphalt Company, Inc.

US 41 at Gordon River Bridge- Pedestrian Underpass Improvements Construction project: Crews will be replacing sidewalk, adding decorative hand railing, pedestrian lighting, and a drainage gutter for the pedestrian underpass. Bridge joints will be replaced and additional underpass signage will be added to the surrounding area. Minimal impact to traffic is expected. Motorists should also use caution when passing through construction site. Variable message boards will notify motorists of anticipated closures. Estimated project completion is end of 2015. The contractor is Wright Construction, Inc.

US 41 from Wiggins Pass Road to Immokalee Road: Maintenance permit project: Motorists should expect the two outside southbound lanes closed during nighttime/overnight hours from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m., Sunday through Thursday for crews to work on utilities. Drivers should expect slow moving traffic during this time.

US 41 (Tamiami Trail East) from SR 951 to Greenway Road: Construction project: Crews continue work to expand two-lane US 41 to six lanes from SR 951 to Joseph Lane and to four lanes from Joseph Lane to Greenway Road. A 30-foot median will separate northbound and southbound travel lanes. The project also includes a 10-foot multi-use pathway along southbound travel lanes and a six-foot sidewalk parallel to northbound lanes. Median openings spaced throughout the project allow for left turns and U-turns. Crews also are replacing the traffic signal at Manatee Road.

- **Vehicles will now use the new roadway from Naples Reserve Boulevard to Greenway Road. Motorists exiting driveways and side streets in this area should use caution, as traffic is now closer to the south side of the corridor.**
- **Motorists should expect lane closures from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Saturday for crews to widen the lanes.**

Vehicles use the new roadway from east of CR 951 to Naples Reserve Boulevard. The bus stops shift to allow the contractor to build the new roadway. Motorists exiting driveways and side streets in this area should use caution, as traffic is now closer to the south side of the corridor.

Crews are currently relocating utilities, constructing culverts, installing underground storm drainage, and completing earthwork. Drivers should be aware of construction vehicles and equipment entering and exiting the roadway. The contractor expects to complete work in fall 2016. The design/build team is Wantman Group Inc./Ajax Paving Industries of Florida, LLC.

SR 951 at Fiddlers Creek Parkway: Maintenance permit project: Crews are improving the traffic signal. Motorists should expect lane closures on SR 951 and eastbound Fiddlers Creek Parkway during the nighttime/overnight hours from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. weekdays. Drivers should use caution traveling in this area.

SR 84/Davis Boulevard from Airport Pulling Road to Kings Way: Maintenance permit project: Motorists should expect lane closures during nighttime/overnight hours from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. Monday through Friday for crews to install concrete poles. Motorists should use caution as crews work near the roadway.

SR 84 from Airport Pulling Road to Heritage Trail: Construction project: This project includes resurfacing the roadway, connects two miles of bicycle lanes, replaces existing traffic signals and improves pedestrian crossings at every intersection. Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures through the duration of the project.

- **Within six-hundred feet of a signalized intersection, motorists should expect any eastbound lane closures from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m. and any westbound lane closures from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m.**

Drivers should use caution while driving in this area. Variable message boards notify motorists of anticipated closures. Estimated project completion is end of 2015. The contractor is Preferred Materials, Inc.

DESOTO COUNTY

US 17 from CR 760A to Heard Street and within the City of Arcadia: Construction project: Crews are expanding US 17 to four lanes. Work underway for two new travel lanes to the east of existing US 17 travel lanes includes utility activities-installation of drainage and fill soils, and new roadway construction. Hillcrest St. will be closed to thru traffic for utility construction from about August 28 – September 4. Welles Ave. at US 17 continues to be closed to thru traffic for roadway construction. Nighttime lane closures for paving of northbound and southbound US 17 from Palmetto St. to N. of Fiveash Rd. Use caution and plan additional travel time. Traffic remains on the existing lanes of US 17. Motorists should continue to observe the posted speed limit. Work vehicles are entering and exiting the roadway during the week. Please use caution. Expected project completion is in the summer of 2017. The contractor is Conalvias USA.

GLADES COUNTY

US 27 at Bronson Road: Construction project: Crews continue clearing the project and removing curb during the day, Monday through Friday. Watch for single lane closures and be prepared to merge. This project includes adding left and right turn lanes, lighting, drainage improvements, curb, gutter, signs and sidewalks at Bronson Road. Expected project completion is fall 2015. The contractor is Weekley Asphalt Paving, Inc.

HARDEE COUNTY

SR 64 from US 17 to 7-Mile Point: Maintenance contracts project: Crews are cleaning ditches along the roadway. Expect possible intermittent daytime lane closures. Use caution while in the area.

SR 62 from Abbott Road to just east of Mansfield Road: Maintenance permit project: Crews are working along the shoulder of the roadway clearing within the utility strip. Expect possible intermittent lane closures and shoulder closures while crews are working. Use caution while in the area.

HENDRY

US 27 from SR 80 to the City of Clewiston: Construction project: Work continues to build a bi-directional weigh-in-motion scale in the median. Motorists should expect the inside lanes closed throughout the project. Estimated completion is end of 2015. The contractor is Quality Enterprises USA, Inc.

US 27 at SR 80: Contract project: Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures at the intersection for crews to repair a barrier wall during daytime hours, Monday through Friday. Motorists should use caution as crews work near the roadway

SR 80 from west of Cowboy Way to Huggett Road: Maintenance project: Crews will be installing a waterline near the east side of the roadway during daytime hours. Motorists should use caution as crews work near the roadway

SR 80 from the City of LaBelle to the Lee County line: Maintenance project: Crews will be trimming weeds near the roadway during daytime hours, Monday through Thursday. Motorists should use caution as crews work near the roadway.

SR 80 from Industrial Canal to Merchant Street: Construction project: Crews will be resurfacing the roadway (including side streets), installing guardrail, and placing pavement markings. This 1.8-mile project includes updating traffic signals, and installing guardrail. The project also replaces and connects some existing sidewalk within the project. Crews also will be modifying the traffic signals at the intersections. Work occurs during daytime and nighttime hours. **Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures during the nighttime/overnight hours from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. weekdays.** Drivers should use caution traveling in this area. Estimated completion is winter of 2015. The Contractor is Weekley Asphalt Paving Inc.

SR 80 in the City of LaBelle: Contract project: Crews will be replacing concrete sidewalk near the roadway during daytime hours, Monday through Friday. Pedestrians and bicyclists should expect intermittent sidewalk closures.

SR 29 from the City of LaBelle to the Town of Felda: Maintenance project: Crews will be trimming weeds near the roadway during daytime hours, Monday through Thursday. Motorists should use caution as crews work near the roadway.

SR 29 in the Town of Felda: Contract project: Crews will be replacing concrete sidewalk near the roadway during daytime hours, Monday through Friday. Pedestrians and bicyclists should expect intermittent sidewalk closures.

SR 29 in the City of LaBelle: Contract project: Crews will be replacing concrete sidewalk near the roadway during daytime hours, Monday through Friday. Pedestrians and bicyclists should expect intermittent sidewalk closures.

HIGHLANDS COUNTY

US 98 from CR 721 to US 27 in Highlands County: Contracts project: Crews will be trimming trees. Please use caution and watch for workers close to the road.

US 27 and SR 70 in Highlands County- Crews will continue mowing the rights-of-way and medians on US 27 and SR 70. No lane closures are expected, but use caution and watch for workers close to the road.

US 27 from Avon Park to SR 66 in Highlands County: Contracts project: Crews will spray herbicide around curbs, gutters, sidewalk areas and wet ditches. No lane closures are expected, but use caution and watch for workers close to the road.

US 27 Southbound across from Northwood Blvd: Permit project: Crews are closing the outside southbound lane during the day to construct a deceleration lane. Watch for workers close to the road and be prepared to merge.

US 27 at Hickory Branch Road: Maintenance project: Crews will rework shoulders near the edge of the roadway. No lane closures are expected, but use caution and watch for workers close to the road.

SR 70 from CR 29 to CR 721: Maintenance project: Crews are trimming bushes around guardrails. Expect lane closures and watch for flaggers directing traffic in various locations from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

SR 17 (Ridgewood Drive) from North Pine Street to South Wall Street (Sebring): State Road 17 (Ridgewood Drive) will close between North Pine Street and South Wall Street from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m., Saturday, September 5. The closure will be in place for the 3rd Round of Beer event. Use caution and follow the posted detour. City of Sebring Police Department will assist with maintaining traffic. For more information on this event, call 863-385-5437.

SR-17 from US 27 to South Lakeview Terrace (Sebring): Utility permit work: Crews are replacing poles and relocating utilities. Watch for intermittent daytime lane closures, use caution and be prepared to merge.

LEE COUNTY

I-75 from north of SR 80 to south of SR 78: Construction project: This project adds new travel lanes, transition lanes and shoulders. Crews are completing concrete sound barrier wall and paving.

- **Expect nighttime/overnight lane closures on I-75 and periodic ramp closures at Exit 141/SR 80 and Exit 143/SR 78 from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Monday, August 31 to Friday, September 4 for paving operations.**

Pay attention to traffic signs and barricades throughout the work zone. Stay alert and use caution. Please follow the reduced 60 MPH speed limit posted throughout the project limits. Speeding fines double when workers are present. Estimated completion is fall 2015. The contractor is The de Moya Group/Leware Construction Company Joint Venture.

US 41 from Via Rapallo to Williams Road: Maintenance permit project: Crews are constructing a new southbound turn lane and extending the northbound turn lane. Motorists should expect lane closures during the nighttime/overnight hours from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. weekdays. Estimated completion is July 2015. Drivers should use caution traveling in this area.

US 41 from Estero Parkway to Vintage Trace Circle: Maintenance permit project: Motorists should expect intermittent inside and outside lane closures during nighttime/overnight hours from 8:30 p.m. to 6 a.m. for crews to construct a turn lane and sidewalk. Drivers should use caution while driving in this area.

SR 867/McGregor Boulevard from Gladiolus Drive to College Parkway: Maintenance contract project: Crews will be removing and replacing traffic markings on the roadway. Motorists should expect lane closures from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. weekdays. Motorists should expect slow moving traffic and possible delays

SR 865/San Carlos Boulevard from Bayside Boulevard to Main Street: Maintenance permit project: Motorists should expect lane closures during nighttime/overnight hours from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. Monday through Friday for crews to install power poles. Motorists should use caution as crews work near the roadway.

SR 739/Metro Parkway from Winkler Avenue to Hanson Street: Construction project: Work is underway to expand Metro Parkway to six lanes, widen one-half mile of Evans Avenue just south of Hanson Street to three lanes northbound, and build a new six-lane Metro Parkway bridge that crosses over the railroad tracks, Ten Mile Canal, and Palm Avenue. The roadway will connect to Evans Avenue and Fowler Street and also include lanes for southbound Fowler Street drivers who may choose to use Metro Parkway southbound. **Metro Parkway northbound is currently reduced to one lane just south of Winkler Avenue for crews to do median work. Motorists should expect lane closures on Fowler Street near Kennesaw Street while crews relocate utilities.** Work currently

involves roadway and bridge construction and drainage installation. Motorists are advised to use caution and to be aware of trucks entering and leaving the roadway. Expected project completion is fall 2015. The contractor is Conalvias USA.

SR 80/Second Street from Park Avenue to Michigan Avenue: Construction project: The City of Fort Myers is improving the storm drainage system on Second Street from Park Avenue to Michigan Avenue. Second Street will be one eastbound lane during construction. Detours will be in place during street closures. Local area residents will have access at all times during construction.

- **Motorists should expect Cranford Avenue south of Second Street closed.** Traffic on Cranford Avenue heading south will be detoured to Second Street and then to Palm Avenue. Traffic heading north on Cranford Avenue will be detoured onto Guava Street.

Motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists are to use extreme caution. Motorists should be aware of slow moving traffic and possible delays.

SR 78/Pine Island Road from Judd Creek Boulevard to Tamiami Trail/Business 41: Maintenance contract project: Motorists should expect lane closures during the nighttime/overnight hours from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. weather permitting for crews to perform drainage maintenance. Motorists should expect slow moving traffic and possible delays. Drivers should use caution as crews work in the roadway.

State Roadways (SR 31, SR 78, SR 80, SR 82, SR 865, SR 867, SR 884 and US 41): Maintenance contract project: Crews are sweeping curb and gutter on state roadways and bridges. Motorists should expect lane closures during the nighttime/overnight hours from 7 p.m. to 5 a.m. weather permitting. Motorists should expect slow moving traffic and possible delays.

MANATEE COUNTY

I-275 over the Terra Ceia River: Bridge maintenance project: Crews are working on the bridge. Expect northbound right lane closures from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, September 1 through Thursday, September 3. Use caution and expect possible delays.

I-275 at the I-75 Interchange: Construction project: Crews are installing new landscaping at the interchange. There are no lane closures however, motorists should be aware of trucks entering and exiting the highway. Expected completion is late 2015. Oasis Landscaping is the contractor.

I-75 (SR 93) / University Parkway Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI) (Sarasota/Bradenton): Construction Project: Watch for temporary lane closures at night/overnight on northbound and southbound I-75 from 8 p.m. to 7 a.m. Sunday, August 30 through Friday morning, September 4. Temporary lane closures are also in place at night/overnight on eastbound and westbound University Parkway, west of I-75

from 9 p.m. to 7 a.m. Sunday, August 30 through Friday morning, September 4. Crews continue clearing within the right-of-way, and installing silt fence for erosion control. In observance of the Labor Day holiday, there will be no construction activities on Monday, September 7, 2015. **Speeding fines double when workers are present.** Improvements being made as part of this project consist of constructing a diverging diamond interchange, adding an auxiliary lane on northbound and southbound I-75, constructing new bridges on I-75 over University Pkwy., widening of University Parkway, widening of I-75 bridges over Errie Creek and Foley Creek, realignment of on-ramps and off-ramps at I-75/University Parkway, addition of ponds, drainage improvements, new lighting and signalization, construction of a noise wall on the west side of I-75, sidewalks, bike lanes, and pedestrian walkways. Expected completion is fall 2017. The contractor is Prince Contracting, LLC. For additional information, please visit the project website at <http://www.swflroads.com/i75/university/>

US 301 from 3rd Street West to Erie Road: Maintenance contracts project: Crews are installing detectable warnings at curb ramps. Pedestrians should use caution while workers are present.

US 301 from CR 675 to Moccasin Wallow Road: Construction project: Crews are widening the roadway to a four-lane divided highway; constructing sidewalk; installing highway lighting; constructing medians, and improving drainage. Russell Engineering, Inc. is the contractor. Expected completion is fall 2016.

US 41 from 69th Avenue to SR 684/Cortez Road: Construction project: Crews are making intersection improvements and pedestrian safety upgrades including pedestrian refuge islands throughout the project limits. Expect nighttime/overnight lane closures from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. within 600 feet of signalized intersections. FDOT permits daytime and nighttime lane closures not within 600 feet of a signalized intersection from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m., Florida Safety Contractors, Inc., is the contractor. Expected completion is fall 2015.

US 41 over US 301: Construction project: Crews are raising US 41 over US 301 approximately 18 inches, removing old asphalt and resurfacing the roadway, improving drainage and guardrail, and installing barrier wall. Zep Construction, Inc. is the contractor. Expected completion is fall 2015.

Business US 41 from Wares Creek Canal to 26th Avenue West: Construction project: Crews are removing old asphalt and resurfacing the roadway; constructing sidewalk; improving drainage, and installing new signing and pavement markings. Expect nighttime/overnight lane closures from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. while crews are working. Superior Asphalt, Inc. is the contractor. Expected completion is fall 2015.

SR 789 (Gulf Drive) from SR 684 (Cortez Avenue West) northbound to SR 64 (Manatee Avenue West): Maintenance permit project: Various locations will close from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., through Friday September 11. FPL crews will be tying in existing power lines to new power poles. Flaggers will be present, and drivers should use caution.

SR 789 from the Longboat Key Bridge to 13th Street South: Maintenance project: Crews are sweeping the bike lanes. Expect intermittent north and southbound lane closures from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, September 1 through Wednesday, September 9. Use caution and expect possible delays.

SR 64 at 43rd Avenue: Maintenance permit project: Crews are constructing a driveway. Expect intermittent daytime westbound outside lane closures from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Friday, September 4. Use caution and expect possible delays.

SR 64 at 66th Street Court East: Construction project: Crews are making intersection improvements, resurfacing the roadway, making drainage improvements, constructing sidewalk, and installing new signing and pavement markings. Motorists should expect nighttime/overnight lane closures from 6:30 p.m. to 6:30 a.m. while crews are working. Atlantic Civil Constructors Corps. is the contractor. Expected completion is fall 2015.

SR 64 at the Anna Maria Island Bridge: Construction project: Crews are working on the bridge. Expect nighttime/overnight single-lane closures from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Daytime sidewalk closures are also required. One sidewalk will remain open at all times. Coastal Marine Construction is the contractor. Expected completion is fall 2015.

SR 64 from 77th Street West to 59th Street West: Construction project: Crews are installing highway lighting and constructing sidewalk. Expect lane closures from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. to 7 a.m., when necessary. MSB Services, LLC is the contractor. Expected completion is late 2015.

OKEECHOBEE COUNTY

US 441 from NE 13th Street to NE 19th Drive: Utility permit project: Watch for a northbound outside lane closure from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. while crews modify a driveway just north of the Town of Okeechobee. Use caution and be prepared to merge.

US 441 from SW 8th Street to SW 28th Street: Maintenance contract project: Crews are repairing storm drains. Watch for northbound and southbound lane closures and be prepared to merge.

US 441 from NE 224th St. (Orange Ave) North to the County Line: Maintenance project: Watch for crews working close to the road making spot repairs to the shoulder. There are no planned lane closures, but use caution when workers are present.

SR 70 from NE 13th Avenue east to NE 34th Avenue: Maintenance project: Crew will spray herbicide on the sidewalks on both the north and south side of SR 70 during the day, Monday through Thursday. Use caution while traveling through this area.

SR 70 from NE 31st Avenue to Berman Road in Okeechobee: Construction project: Workers are installing drainage, grading embankment, building subgrade and installing base rock

on the roadway, and driving pile at Mosquito Creek from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Expect periodic lane closures Monday, August 31 through Thursday, September 3 for road repairs, bridge construction and material delivery.

- NE 40th Avenue is closed at SR 70 until early September while crews install pipe at the intersection. Follow posted detour to NE 42nd Terrace.
- NE 71st Avenue is closed at SR 70 until late September while crews built embankment for the new roadway. Follow posted detour to NE 64th Drive.

During this project, crews will expand the roadway to four lanes, construct concrete bridges, improve drainage, build curb, gutter, and sidewalk, and install guardrail, permanent signs and pavement markings. Watch for crews and equipment working close to the road. Observe posted speed limits and drive with caution in the construction zone. Estimated completion is summer 2017. The contractor is Ranger Construction Industries, Inc.

SR 70 east of Okeechobee/NE 34th Avenue to Williams Road/NE 48th Avenue in Okeechobee: Maintenance permit project: Crews are relocating utilities along the south side of the road. No lane closures are scheduled, but use caution and watch for workers close to the road.

SR 70 west of US 27: Maintenance permit project: Watch for workers close to the road while they work from the shoulders cleaning ditches. Use caution driving in these areas.

POLK COUNTY

I-4 from County Road 557 to the Osceola County Line: Crews are placing final striping on the new asphalt on Interstate 4 both east and westbound, Sunday night, August 30 through Friday morning, September 4. Crews will close one lane at a time using a slow rolling operation to place the pavement markings. Contractor will divert traffic around the operation in various locations throughout the project. Use caution and expect delays. The contractor is Ranger Construction. Weather permitting; expected completion is September 2015.

I-4 ramps at SR 557 interchange in Polk City/Lake Alfred: Construction project: This project includes widening the existing shoulder on the I-4/SR 557 ramps and replacing signs at the intersection. Watch for trucks entering and exiting the project at the ramps as crews work behind the barrier walls. Use caution and watch for workers close to the road. Expected completion is fall 2015. The contractor is Florida Safety Contractors, Inc.

I-4/SR 559 Interchange in Auburndale: Construction project: Crews continue constructing new ramps at I-4/SR 559, and installing drainage pipe along SR 559. In observance of the Labor Day holiday, there are no construction activities on Monday, September 7. Drive with caution and watch for traffic shifts along eastbound and westbound I-4 and

temporary intermittent lane closures, traffic shifts, site changes and flaggers directing traffic on SR 559.

Speeding fines double when workers are present. Project improvements include constructing a new bridge on SR 559 over I-4, expanding SR 559 from two lanes to four lanes from north of CR 559A to the westbound entrance ramp to I-4, shifting the eastbound lanes of I-4 to the south, installing lighting on SR 559, resurfacing the existing roadway, and improving drainage. Expected completion is early 2017. The contractor is Cone and Graham. For additional information, please visit the project website at <http://www.swflroads.com/i4/sr559/>

US 98 Peace River Trail in Ft. Meade: Construction project: Crews are constructing the trail and timber bridges through Ft. Meade Outdoor Recreation Area between US 98 and Mt. Pisgah Road. Project improvements include constructing a compacted coquina shell path, two pedestrian bridges, a short path leading to the river on the south end of the trail and a pull-off area at Mt. Pisgah Road. Central Concrete Products, Inc. is the contractor. Weather permitting, expected completion is fall 2015.

US 98 from Socrum Loop Road to Thomas Road: Maintenance permit project: Crews will close the outside northbound lane from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. to construct a turn lane. Use caution and be prepared to merge.

US 92 (Memorial Boulevard) from Brunnell Parkway to US 98: Maintenance contracts: Crews are repairing sidewalks and driveways. Use caution and watch for workers close to the road through the end of October.

US 27 at CR 547 (Sanders Road) in Davenport: Maintenance permit project: Law Enforcement will close US 27 at Sanders Road for up to 5 minutes at a time between 1 a.m. and 4 a.m., Monday, August 31, while crews replace cable over the road. Use caution and be prepared to stop.

US 27 from south of the Eagle Ridge Mall to north of SR 540/Waverly Road in Lake Wales/Winter Haven: Construction project: Watch for nighttime and daytime lane closures as crews continue signalization work and thermoplastic striping at the intersection of Thompson Nursery Road/Chalet Suzanne, SR-540/Waverly Road and Eagle Ridge Mall entrance. Use caution and be prepared to merge. Improvements under this contract include removing the ruts in the roadway and paving, shoulder work and signalization. The contractor is The Middlesex Corporation. Expected completion is fall 2015.

US 27 from Barry Road to US 192 (Davenport/Clermont): Construction Project: Watch for traffic shifts on northbound US 27 as crews continue work within the median. Crews are installing drainage pipe, laying sod, paving the roadway and pouring sidewalk at various locations along US 27. Signalization crews continue work at various intersections along US 27. Work is ongoing Monday through Friday. In observance of the Labor Day holiday, there are no construction activities on Monday, September 7. Watch for traffic shifts under the bridge and on the ramps at US 27/US 192.

Improvements on this project include expanding US 27 and the bridge at US 192 from four lanes to six lanes, resurfacing the existing roadway, adding paved bike lanes, building curb and gutter with drainage swales, constructing sidewalk, installing new concrete pole traffic signals at the intersections of US 27/California Boulevard and US 27/Student Drive, and installing sound barrier walls. Prince is the contractor on this project. Expected project completion is summer 2016.

US 27 from Tuscan Ridge Drive to Deen Still Road in Davenport: Maintenance permit project: Watch for outside southbound lane closures from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday, September 1, through Tuesday, September 15, as crews construct a right turn lane. Use caution and be prepared to merge.

US 17 from Bear Creek Apartments to 1st Street in Bartow: Construction project: Crews continue placing sod. Use caution and watch for workers close to the road. Improvements on this project include removing and replacing the asphalt, replacing the median opening at Crossover Road with a northbound dedicated left turn lane, adding bike lanes, replacing guardrail and improving drainage. Estimated completion is fall 2015. The contractor is Preferred Materials, Inc.

US 17 from SR 540 (Cypress Gardens Boulevard) to US 17/92 in Winter Haven: Maintenance contracts project: Crews are repairing sidewalks. There are no daytime lane closures anticipated. Motorist should use caution and watch for workers and equipment close to the road.

US 17/92 at CR 54 (Ronald Reagan Parkway)/Kinny Harmon Road in Davenport: Maintenance permit project: Watch for intermittent lane closures on US 17/92 in both directions from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday, August 30, through Thursday, September 3, while crews work on drainage and road improvements. Crews will continue work on Friday, September 4, but will not close any lanes.

SR 563 (Harden Boulevard) at North Frontage Road and South Frontage Road: Maintenance permit project: Use caution and watch for workers close to the road at the Harden Boulevard intersections with North and South Frontage roads while crews work on directional bores. It may also be necessary to close portions of the sidewalk in this area.

SR 544 (Lucerne Park Road) just west of Ridge Career Center: Maintenance permit project: Watch for intermittent nighttime/overnight eastbound lane closures with flaggers directing traffic from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. through mid-August while crews construct a right turn lane. Use caution and be prepared to stop.

SR 540 (Cypress Gardens Boulevard) from US 17 to east of 3rd Street Southeast: Maintenance permit project: Watch for daytime and nighttime lane closures while crews clean and line underground pipes. Use caution and be prepared to merge.

SR 60 Roadway and Rail Road Crossing Improvement Projects from west of Diesel Road to east of CR 555; SR 37 from SE 3rd Street to SR 60; West of Nichols Road to east of Prairie Industrial Parkway in Bartow/Mulberry: Construction project: Expect lane closures on SR 60, both eastbound and westbound for pipe crossing reconstruction, paving and railroad crossing repair. Observe posted speed limits and watch for changes in the traffic pattern.

Improvements on this project include; constructing new approach slabs for railroad crossings on SR 60 at Nichols Road, Phosphate Boulevard, Mosaic Crossing, and Skew Crossing, resurfacing the existing roadway, improving the roadway drainage, and improving SR 60 signalization. Expected project completion is fall 2015, weather permitting. The contractor is The Lane Construction Corporation.

SR 60 from Flamingo Drive to Connersville Road in Bartow: Construction project: Crews are driving pile or bridge supports, building a temporary trestle work platform, installing concrete bridge deck and sidewalk. Watch for eastbound daytime lane closures for materials and equipment deliveries including bridge beams and concrete. Use caution and be prepared to merge. Note: Wide loads may not be able to pass through when lane closures are in place. Wide load haulers should take a different route. Crews will also be placing asphalt and pouring concrete in business driveways along the eastbound lanes. Use caution and watch for flaggers directing vehicles in and out. Work on this project includes adding a new sidewalk and pedestrian bridges on the south side of SR 60, and building a bus bay and bus pad at the stop east of Peace River Mobile Home Park. Estimated completion is summer 2016. The contractor is Leware Construction Company, Inc.

SR 37 (Florida Avenue) from Ridgewood Street to Riggins Street in Lakeland: Maintenance permit project: Watch for nighttime/overnight lane closures in the center turn lane and inside northbound lane from 7 p.m. to 5:30 a.m., Monday, August 31, as crews repair the asphalt. Use caution and be prepared to merge.

SR 37 (South Florida Avenue) from CR 540A to Carter Road in Lakeland: Maintenance permit project: Crews are installing a gravity sewer line along the northbound lanes of SR 37. Use caution and watch for workers close to the road.

SR 33 (Commonwealth Avenue) at the intersection of Deen Still Road in Polk City: Construction project: Motorists should use caution and be aware of the following changes at the intersection beginning, Wednesday, September 2, weather permitting.

- All SR 33 traffic will shift slightly west, and Deen Still Road traffic will be shifted slightly south onto temporary pavement.
- **A new temporary traffic signal will be in place to control traffic at the intersection. Be prepared to stop.**
- The speed limit on both SR 33 and Deen Still Road will be 35 mph as you approach the intersection.

- There will be no right turns from any direction.
- Pay attention to stop bars and signs indicating where to stop when the signal is red. They are located as far back as 100 feet before the intersection to allow large trucks to make the turns. Do not pull all the way up to the intersection to stop.
- Pay attention to all vehicles approaching the intersection, including those approaching from the rear or traveling faster than the speed limit until everyone is used to the new traffic pattern, speed limit and signal.

Once the traffic shift is complete, workers will begin constructing the new roundabout. Work on this project includes roundabout construction, new asphalt and concrete pavement, resurfacing, installing drainage structures, curb and gutters, sidewalk, gravity walls and handrails, lighting, signing, and landscaping. Weather permitting; expected completion is summer 2016. The contractor is Atlantic Civil Constructors Corp.

SR 17 (S. 10th Street) from SR 544/CR 544 to US 17/92 (Hinson Avenue) in Haines City:

Construction project: Crews are completing final items from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Observe posted speed limits, look out for pedestrians and bicyclists, and drive with caution in the construction zone. During this project, crews replaced the roadway base and pavement, widened travel lanes, and reworked the center turn lane to include raised medians and median crossovers, replaced existing drainage and added sidewalk and decorative street lighting. Estimated completion is summer 2015. The contractor is Prince Contracting, LLC.

SR 17 (Scenic Highway) from south of Ray Martin Road/Passion Play Road to south of Mountain Lake Cut Off Road in Lake Wales:

Construction project: Crews continue paving, working on signals, and miscellaneous clean-up, weather permitting. Expect daytime lane closures from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and nightly/overnight lane closures from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m., including weekends until mid-September for paving operations. Flaggers will direct traffic. During this project, workers will resurface the roadway, improve drainage, upgrade traffic signals, install guardrail, curb, gutter and sidewalk, permanent signs and pavement markings. Observe posted speed limits, look out for pedestrians and bicyclists, and drive with caution in the construction zone. Estimated completion is fall 2015. The contractor is Gibbs and Register, Inc.

SR 17 at the intersection of CR 17B (Hunt Brothers Road) in Lake Wales:

Construction project: Traffic shifted a few feet onto temporary pavement. Use caution and watch for intermittent lane closures as workers continue installing ditch pavement and curb and gutter, street lighting and paving. Work on this project includes construction of a new roundabout at the intersection and includes removing old asphalt and resurfacing, installing drainage structures, curb and gutters, sidewalk, pavement markings, and landscaping. Weather permitting; expected completion is early 2016. The contractor is Wright Construction.

2nd and 3rd streets from SR 60 to Polk Avenue in Lake Wales: Construction project: Crews Watch for workers close to the road as crews complete final items and cleanup. This safe routes to schools project includes new sidewalk from SR 60 to Polk Avenue on both sides of 2nd Street and on the east side of 3rd Street, and from Steedly Avenue to Polk Avenue on the west side of 3rd Street. Weather permitting; expected completion is early 2016. The contractor is Wright Construction.

Haines City Trail from Lily Avenue west of the railroad tracks to Grace Avenue in Haines City and Grace Avenue from 9th Street to east of 16th Street: Construction project: Crews continue building sidewalk, placing pavement markings and sodding for the new trail between Lily Avenue and Grace Avenue. This project includes sidewalk, gravity wall, and curb and gutter construction on the north side of Grace Avenue and a shared use path west of the railroad tracks between Grace Avenue and Lily Avenue. Work also includes drainage improvements, lighting, fencing, and a sidewalk connection between the new trail and the Lily Avenue overpass. Estimated completion is summer 2015. The contractor is Cathcart Construction Company.

South 6th Street from Hinson Avenue to Wood Avenue in Haines City: Construction project: Use caution and watch for workers close to the road while they install new drainage structures on US 17/92 (Hinson Avenue) from South 5th Street to South 7th Street.

South 6th Street remains closed to through traffic from US 17/92 to Ledwith Avenue while crews continue placing curb and installing irrigation and lighting. Motorists may cross South 6th Street at the Oak Avenue and Ledwith Avenue intersections, but access to South 6th Street is for local traffic only. All others should follow detour signs around the closure, and access local businesses from South 5th Street and South 7th Street.

Flaggers continue directing traffic between Ledwith Avenue and Wood Avenue during the week while crews complete curb work and install lighting and irrigation in this section. On-street parking remains closed.

Motorists dropping off and picking up students at Daniel Jenkins Academy should not park in the travel lane next to the new bulbout curbs to avoid blocking the roadway while waiting in the pickup line. Stop in front or behind the bulbout until the line begins moving.

Work on this project consists of milling and resurfacing, driveway replacement, sidewalk improvements, drainage improvements, signing and pavement markings, decorative lighting and landscaping. Weather permitting; expected completion is late 2015. The contractor is Gibbs & Register, Inc.

SARASOTA COUNTY

Sarasota County Advance Traffic Management System (ATMS) Phase IV: Construction project: Sarasota County has contracted with Traffic Control Devices, Inc. (TCD), to upgrade the traffic signal controllers and equipment for 52 intersections throughout Sarasota County, City of Sarasota and the City of North Port. The improvements will consist of installing, integrating and testing the ATMS field elements, including traffic controllers and cabinets, Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) cameras, and fiber optic communications cable and transmission equipment along the roadways. As part of this project, 10 intersections will receive full Americans with Disability Act (ADA) upgrades to meet current standards. Construction began on March 4, 2015 and should be complete by the spring 2016. Nighttime intersection work will continue at: Beneva Road and Bahia Vista Street; Beneva Road and 12th Street; Beneva Road and Circus Boulevard; Beneva Road and Webber Street; Beneva Road and Kingston, weather permitting. Traffic patterns through the intersections, as well as the traffic signals operations will be disrupted, while crews replace existing signal cabinets. Law enforcement will be on the scene to ensure safety and assist with the motorists as needed. Normal traffic will resume at these intersections, once the cabinets have been replaced. Daytime ADA improvement work will take place at Lockwood Ridge Road and 61st Street and at Beneva Road and Circus Drive. Both of these locations will require lane closures from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Daytime underground and aboveground operations continue on Proctor Road from Beneva Road to McIntosh Road. Boring/trenching and pull box installation operations will take place along US 41 in South County. Motorists are urged to use caution while traveling through these areas and be mindful of the construction personnel and equipment.

I-75: From Sumter Boulevard to River Road: Construction project: This project expands I-75 to six lanes. Crews are installing drainage and placing embankment and lime rock in the median, installing drainage, placing embankment and laying sod in the outside shoulders, widening the southbound bridge at Deer Prairie Creek, and assembling high mast lighting, Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., weather permitting. Pay attention to traffic signs and barricades throughout the construction project. Stay alert, and use caution in the work zone. Estimated completion is summer 2016. The contractor is Conalvias USA.

I-75 (SR 93) / University Parkway Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI) (Sarasota/Bradenton): Construction Project: Watch for temporary lane closures at night/overnight on northbound and southbound I-75 from 8 p.m. to 7 a.m. Sunday, August 30 through Friday morning, September 4. Temporary lane closures are also in place at night/overnight on eastbound and westbound University Parkway, west of I-75 from 9 p.m. to 7 a.m. Sunday, August 30 through Friday morning, September 4. Crews continue clearing within the right-of-way, and installing silt fence for erosion control. In observance of the Labor Day holiday, there will be no construction activities Monday, September 7, 2015. **Speeding fines double when workers are present.** Improvements being made as part of this project consist of constructing a diverging diamond interchange, adding an auxiliary lane on northbound and southbound I-75, constructing

new bridges on I-75 over University Pkwy., widening of University Parkway, widening of I-75 bridges over Errie Creek and Foley Creek, realignment of on-ramps and off-ramps at I-75/University Parkway, addition of ponds, drainage improvements, new lighting and signalization, construction of a noise wall on the west side of I-75, sidewalks, bike lanes, and pedestrian walkways. Expected completion is fall 2017. The contractor is Prince Contracting, LLC. For additional information, please visit the project website at <http://www.swflroads.com/i75/university/>

I-75 at Yorkshire Street: Bridge maintenance project: Crews are working on the bridge. Expect nighttime/overnight southbound left lane closures from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Thursday, September 3. Use caution and expect possible delays.

US 41 at SR 789: Maintenance permit project: The sidewalk located along the west side of US 41 from SR 789 to Ritz Carlton Drive and sidewalk located along the north side of SR 789 from Sunset Drive to US 41 will remain closed until construction of the development located at the corner of US 41 and SR 789 is complete. Pedestrians should follow the established detour.

US 41 at Worrington Street: Construction project: Crews are making ADA improvements. Expect nighttime/overnight intermittent lane closures while crews are working. Florida Safety Contractors is the contractor.

US 41 from Pan American Boulevard to Sanford Boulevard: Maintenance permit project: Crews are installing new concrete pole. Expect nighttime/overnight intermittent eastbound outside lane closures from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. through Friday, September 25. Use caution and expect possible delays.

US 41 at From Venetian Drive to Palm Drive: Construction project: Crews are making pedestrian improvements to the Catfish Creek Bridge, installing new sidewalk while realigning existing sidewalk, minor widening to install an improved bus stop and milling and resurfacing two side streets. For the next week, crews will be installing safety devices in preparation for construction to start. Construction should start on August 31. Douglas N. Higgins is the contractor. Expected completion is fall 2015.

SR 780/Fruitville Road from Honore Avenue to McIntosh Road: Maintenance permit project: Crews are replacing power poles. Expect outside westbound lane closures from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Friday, September 4. Use caution and expect possible delays.

SR 780/Fruitville Road at Shade Avenue and at US 301: Construction project: Crews are making ADA improvements. Expect nighttime/overnight intermittent lane closures while crews are working. Florida Safety Contractors is the contractor.

SR 780/Fruitville Road from Tuttle Avenue to Shade Avenue: Maintenance permit project: Crews are working at sewer manholes. Expect nighttime/overnight westbound lane closures from 9 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. through Friday, September 4. Use caution and expect possible delays.

SR 72 at the Stickney Point Drawbridge: Construction project: Crews are making repairs to the bridge including concrete repairs throughout the bridge, seawall repairs, Tender/Control House improvements, painting, and repairs to the mechanical and electrical components of the bridge. Motorists should expect nighttime/overnight flagging operations between the hours of 9 p.m. and 7 a.m. Extended bridge openings of up to 15 minutes may occur during this time. Expected completion is late 2015/early 2016. Coastal Marine Construction, Inc. is the contractor.

SR 72 from Sawyer Road to US 41: Maintenance contracts project: Crews are cleaning storm drains. Expect outside lane closures from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. through mid-September. Use caution and expect possible delays.

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